### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CR CASE NO. 06-73 GMS

vs.

DION L. BARNARD

Defendant

### MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

The Defendant, Dion L. Barnard, by and through his attorney, Joseph A. Ratasiewicz, Esquire, moves this Court for an Order granting a continuance of the Motion to Suppress hearing in this matter scheduled for June 14, 2007 and avers as follows:

- 1. That Defendant filed a Motion to Suppress Evidence in this matter.
- 2. That Defendant's Motion for Suppression is scheduled to be heard on June 14, 2007 before Honorable Gregory M. Sleet.
- 3. That Defendant respectfully requests that the suppression hearing scheduled for June 14, 2007 be continued for the following reasons:
- Pharmakon Lab has agreed to re-weigh and analyze the drugs in (a) this case and that the results of their testing could significantly change the posture of the case and could likely result in a non-trial disposition;
- The re-testing and results thereof can be accomplished within (b) thirty (30) days from the date Pharmakon receives the evidence from the U.S. Department of Justice;

- (c) Pharmakon has recently moved its facility to the University of Pittsburgh campus which has delayed our ability to contract with them for the reweighing of the evidence in this matter; (as we were optimistic that said testing would have been accomplished by the Motion date).
- (d) If Defendant litigates the motion on June 14, 2007, he will be sacrificing downward departure points which will affect his sentencing; and
- (e) Defendant's motion on Thursday, June 14, 2007, is not dispositive of the entire case.
- 4. That Shannon Hanson, Esquire, Assistant United States Attorney, has represented to counsel for Defendant that the Government has no objection to this continuance.
  - 5. That without such a continuance, it would be a miscarriage of justice.
- 6. That the ends of justice served by granting a continuance in this matter outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

**WHEREFORE,** Defendant requests this Honorable Court grant the relief requested in this Motion.

Respectfully submitted:

FRONT STREET LAWYERS, P.C.

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JOSEPH A. RATASIEWICZ, ESQUE

**Attorney for Defendant** 

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ORDER

, 2007, upon AND NOW, this day of consideration of the within Motion for Continuance, it is hereby ORDERED and **DECREED** that said Motion is **GRANTED**; and that said Motion to Continue the Suppression hearing in this matter is continued from June 14, 2007 to\_\_\_\_\_\_ at A.M/P.M..

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#### CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I, Joseph A. Ratasiewicz, Esquire, hereby certify that a copy of the within Motion for Continuance has been served by e-mail and 1st Class U.S. Mail Postage Prepaid on June 11, 2007 to:

> Shannon T. Hanson, Esquire Assistant U.S. Attorney The Nemours Bldg. 1007 North Market Street, Suite 700 P.O. Box 2046 Wilmington, Delaware 19899-2046

and to:

Honorable Gregory M. Sleet U.S. District Court for State of Delaware 844 King Street, Room 3124 Wilmington, Delaware 19801 Via UPS Next Day Air

Respectfully submitted:

FRONT STREET LAWYERS, P.C.

Attorney for Petitioner/Defendant

JOSEPH A. RATASEWICZ, ESO

Date: June 11, 2007